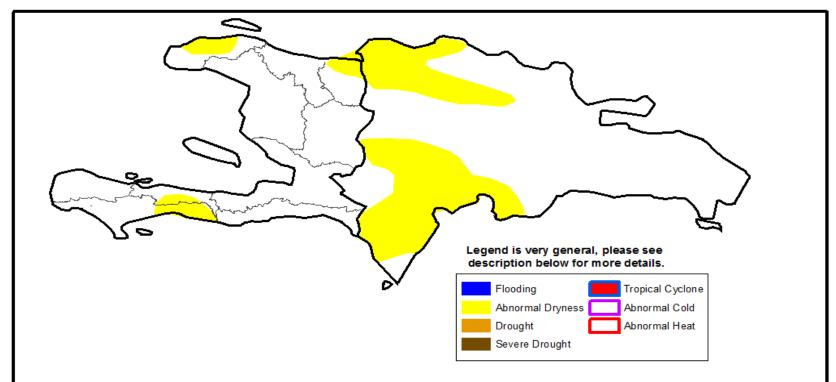


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook May 15 – May 21, 2014

Increased precipitation received throughout southern Hispaniola.



During the last week, a significant increase in seasonal precipitation was observed throughout southern Hispaniola. Widespread rainfall amounts (>50mm) were estimated from southern Haitian peninsula, extending eastward into eastern Dominican Republic. In other areas in Haiti and in northern Hispaniola, lesser, but well-distributed rainfall was observed during the last week. While this past week's rainfall distribution helped to sustain average to above-average moisture conditions in central Haiti, moderate to strong (50-100 mm) moisture deficits still remain over many local areas of the island over the past thirty days. These include the Nord-Ouest, Nord-Est, Sud and Nippes departments of Haiti, and the northern and southern portions of the Dominican Republic. Over the long-term, many local areas across northern Hispaniola have experienced less than half of their normal rainfall accumulation since the beginning of February. This has led to degraded vegetation conditions according to recent vegetation indices. During the next seven days, moderate to locally heavy rains are forecast over central Haiti and central Dominican Republic.